etching, that I might hazard only the loſs of ſo much of my own time. The truth of drawing in all the figures may be relied on, and the deſcriptions are faithful. For the execution of the plates in the engraving part, and for the ſtile in writing, I can make no other apology than that of throwing myſelf on the humanity of my friends and the publick.

HALIFAX, *Auguſt* 16*th*, 1785.

The books I have referred to are few, and ſuch only as may be ſuppoſed to be in the poſſeſſion of every Engliſh Botaniſt, namely,

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The other Britiſh Ferns, viz. the Equiſetum, Pilularia and Iſoetes, with new figures and deſcriptions, may ſhortly appear to complete the hiſtory of Britiſh Ferns, if the preſent part be well received.

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